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SUBJECT: CALL BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WFP

1. THOMAS ROBINSON, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM(WFP), ARRIVED IN BEIRUT FEB 3 FOR A ONE-WEEK VISIT. ON FEB 8, HE CALLED AT EMBASSY AND PASSED TO US THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

2. THE WFP HAD COMMITTED 41,472 METRIC TONS OF EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$16.7 MILLION TO LEBANON SINCE NOVEMBER 1975, BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: 17,309 METRIC TONS (MT) OF WHEAT; 18,362 MT OF WHEAT FLOUR; 2,198 MT OF DRIED SKIM MILK; 1,152 MT OF CHEESE; 576 MT OF MEAT; AND 2,875 MT OF VEGETABLE OIL. DELIVERIES OF THESE COMMODITIES WOULD END BY APRIL 1977, AND WFP PLANNED NO FURTHER EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE AFTERWARDS.

3. COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES HAD PROMISED 100,000 TONS OF ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FOOD AID TO LEBANON. MOST OF THIS HAD NOT YET BEEN DELIVERED AND MIGHT NOT BE UNLESS THERE WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A DEMONSTRATED NEED.

4. THE GOL, "ENCOURAGED BY FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL EDOUARD SAUMA" HAD ASKED THE WFP FOR ASSISTANCE IN THREE NEW AREAS: (A) FEED GRAIN FOR POULTRY; (B) "FOOD FOR WORK"; AND (C) HELP IN REESTABLISHING THE LEBANESE SILK INDUSTRY. AT THE MOMENT, WFP

POLICIES PRECLUDED ANY SUPPLY OF FEED GRAINS. NEVERTHELESS, THE WFP WOULD NOT CATEGORICALLY REJECT ANY OF THE THREE GOL REQUESTS. IN THIS REGARD, THE GOL SEEMED PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO REBUILD LEBANESE POULTRY INDUSTRY WHICH USED TO PRODUCE 600 MILLION EGGS PER YEAR. PRODUCTION WAS NOW AT 10 - 20 PER CENT OF THIS LEVEL.

5. THE WFP HAD ALSO PLEDGED \$8 - 10 MILLION TO HELP THE REFORESTATION EFFORTS OF THE GREEN PLAN. THIS WAS THE ONLY FUNDED WFP PROGRAM FOR LEBANON OTHER THAN THE SOON-TO-BE-ENDED EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE.  
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